




Wider Friendship


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Jonah • Message 7

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Jonah (p. 436)

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Jonah 2...

NOTE THE PATTERN • GOD SPEAKS, JONAH NEGATIVE, PEOPLE POSITIVE, GRACE, JONAH POSITIVE

Jonah 3:1-4:4...

READ IT • SEE THE CHART WITH THE CHANGES

Jonah 4:5ff...

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AGAINST JONAH!!

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The Key: Jonah 4:2

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APPLICATION: THE WIDER YOUR FRIENDSHIPS, THE DEEPER YOUR GRACE.



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